

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 341 - SB 349**

March 17, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any person from importing, transporting, or possessing an out of state deer, elk, or moose carcass, or product produced from the carcass, except for antlers, cleaned skulls, cleaned teeth, finished taxidermy and antler products, and boneless meat, or unless such animals are taken directly to an authorized taxidermist or to a meat processor to be tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD). Creates a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a \$2,500 fine for a violation of this section. Requires the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) to provide training to taxidermists and processors.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000/Wildlife Resources Fund**

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that all costs for testing and disposal of such animals will be incurred by the taxidermist or processor.
- According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), the TFWC will promulgate rules to regulate the disposal of carcasses, create a new annual certification process to educate and train processors and taxidermists to handle such out of state carcasses, and will not charge a certification fee to encourage participation.
- TWRA will conduct six one-day training sessions per year in each grand division of the state. The associated costs for the travel, registration, and renting meeting locations are estimated to be \$3,500 per training day. TWRA will provide educational materials to hunters, processors, and taxidermist concerning the rules and regulations at a cost of \$4,000 per year.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures to the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$25,000 [(6 training days x \$3,500) + \$4,000].
- There will not be a sufficient number or prosecutions for state and local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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